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Vice Admiral William Francis Raborn, Jr., United States Navy (Retired)

Father of the POLARIS Missile

A proved administrator and skilled organizer, Admiral Raborn is also a command Naval officer.

He performed brilliantly his varied assignments. . . . from combat aviation to developing a definitive weapon of national defense.

He has dedicated his life to the non-routine service of his country, and has reached a level of original achievement far beyond that of most men.

He has a rare understanding of individuals and an exceptional capacity for evaluating their worth.

As Director of Special Projects for the Navy he developed the fleet ballistic missile system and the POLARIS missile, through a unique management system - the Progress Evaluation Reporting Technique.

The operational readiness of POLARIS afforded the free world greater security than any other single event; its launching was a turning point in the search for peace.

Admiral Raborn has earned a place in history and in the hearts of Americans second to none.

He added to his laurels by utilizing his knowledge of program management in industry, and then returned to public service as Director of Central Intelligence.

He is a clear thinking, dedicated patriot in the tradition of James
Forrestal in whose name this award is made.